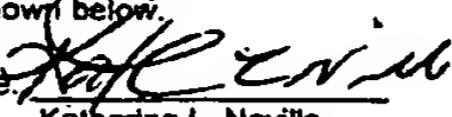


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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action (hereinafter "the Action"), mailed on September 20, 2005 in the above-referenced application, wherein pending claims 15-21, 23-24, and 26-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Reconsideration is requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim set beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.